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FM AMEMBASSY TAIPEI

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 4378

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MAAG TAIPEI

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C O N F I D E N T I A L TAIPEI 1090

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, TW

SUBJECT: ANNOUNCEMENT OF MILITARY REDUCTIONS

REF: (A) STATE 045431; (B) 048824

1. DCM MET WITH GENERAL LAI MING-T'ANG, CGS MND, MORN-  
ING MARCH 6, AND PASSED TO HIM TEXT SECDEF ANNOUNCEMENT  
PLANNED FOR RELEASE 1500Z MARCH 7.
2. DCM ALSO EXPLAINED PROCEDURES CONTEMPLATED FOR MAKING  
PUBLIC RELEASES REGARDING SPECIFICS OF REDUCTIONS IN  
AFFECTED COUNTRIES, ASOUTLINED PARAGRAPH 6, REFTEL A.
3. GENERAL LAI FOUND SECDEF ANNOUNCEMENT UNOBJECTION-  
ABLE AND REITERATED PREVIOUSLY EXPRESSED VIEW THAT GROC  
WOULD NOT WISH MAKE ANY PUBLIC STATEMENT ON PLANNED  
REDUCTIONS. GROC CONTINUES TO FEEL THAT STATEMENT IT  
ISSUED ON JUNE 17, 1974, REGARDING F-4 WITHDRAWAL (TEXT  
CONTAINED IN TAIPEI 3783; 1974) ADEQUATELY COVERS CURRENTLY  
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PLANNED REDUCTIONS AND SEES NO NEED TO GO BEYOND THIS.

4. DCM TOLD LAI THAT AS REDUCTIONS ARE IMPLEMENTED WE, EITHER HERE OR IN WASHINGTON, MIGHT SEE NEED TO ISSUE LOW-KEY STATEMENT. AT MINIMUM WE WOULD HAVE TO RESPOND TO INEVITABLE PRESS INQUIRIES. WITH THIS IN MIND, THE EMBASSY WAS PREPARING Q'S AND A'S FOR POSSIBLE WASHINGTON AND LOCAL USE. LAI SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THAT SOME STATEMENT FROM OUR SIDE MIGHT BE USEFUL, PARTICULARLY IN ORDER TO AVOID UNWARRANTED SPECULATION, AND AGREED THAT PREPARATION Q'S AND A'S WAS NECESSARY AND WISE. HE HOPED THAT ANY STATEMENT OR RESPONSES TO PRESS INQUIRIES WOULD BE KEPT IN LOW-KEY AND PHRASED IN MOST GENERAL POSSIBLE LANGUAGE. HE ALSO ASKED TO BE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW IN ADVANCE ANY PUBLIC RELEASES WE INTENDED TO MAKE. DCM ASSURED LAI THAT WE WOULD CERTAINLY CONSULT WITH ROC IN ADVANCE AND HOPED TO HAVE AT LEAST Q'S AND A'S READY FOR ITS REVIEW EARLY NEXT WEEK.

5. EMBASSY WILL SUBMIT TO DEPARTMENT BY SEPTTEL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PRESS HANDLING OF TAIWAN REDUCTIONS. REQUEST EARLIEST POSSIBLE DEPARTMENT REACTION/APPROVAL THESE RECOMMENDATIONS SO WE CAN GET ON WITH OUR CONSULTATIONS WITH ROC.  
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